Remarks

Claims 1-22, 24, 26 and 42-44 are in the case. Claims 23, 25, 27-36 and 38 were previously cancelled. Claims 37, 39-41 and 45 are cancelled by the amendments submitted herewith. Claims 1-11, 13-22, 24, 26, and 42-44 were allowed in the October 22, 2003 final office action.

On October 29, 2004, applicant filed a Petition to Revive under 37 CFR 1.137(b). On January 3, 2005, the Office of Petitions dismissed applicant's petition on grounds that applicant's October 29, 2004 amendment did not place the application in a condition for allowance. The basis for the decision appears to be applicant's failure to formally cancel claims 37, 39-41 and 45 in its October 29, 2004 claim amendments. Applicant requested cancellation of claims 37, 39-41 and 45 in the body of its October 29, 2004 amendment, but undersigned neglected to make the requisite amendments in the claim section. By the amendments submitted herein, applicant has formally cancelled claims 37, 39-41 and 45, and it is therefore believed that the amendments now place the application in a condition for allowance.

Additionally, claim 12 has been objected to because step (f) of "drying the additional coating between the steps of contacting" was missing. Claim 12 has been amended accordingly.

It is believed that all of the claims are now in a condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

If any additional fees are required, applicant hereby authorizes the Office to charge its deposit account, Deposit Account No. 502795.

Respectfully submitted,

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